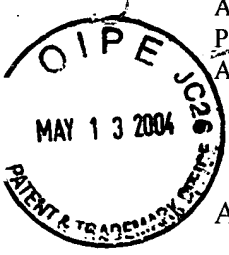


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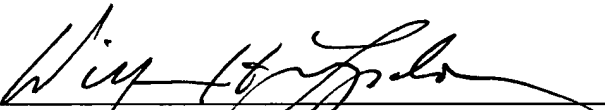
in a European Search Report dated March 23, 2004, of which a copy is enclosed herewith. The relevance of DE 4107218 is indicated in the European Search Report. The relevance of WO 01/39193; EP 0817196; and EP 0762425 is indicated on page 1 of the specification of the present application. The relevance of EP 0692791 is indicated on page 2 of the specification of the present application.

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